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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Lunch with Senator McCarthy

1. Conversation at lunch with Senator Eugene McCarthy covered a wide range of subjects largely having to do with politics and funds raised for political purposes. Inter alia, Senator McCarthy said that he had put THE NEW YORK TIMES articles aside and had not yet read them.

2. Of particular pertinence was the Senator's reference to the written request from Senator Fulbright to Senator Russell that three members of the Foreign Relations Committee be added to the Agency's Senate Select Committee. Senator McCarthy noted that Senator Russell's group had met yesterday and again today. He indicated that he did not know the outcome. He opined that if it were unfavorable to Senator Fulbright's request, the next step would probably be a Senate resolution. If such a resolution were formulated, it would automatically bring about a debate in the Rules Committee and possibly in the end a debate on the Senate floor. It was Senator McCarthy's opinion that the addition of Foreign Relations members to our Select Committee would bring about at least a short era of peace on the congressional front. On the other hand, he indicated that if Senator Russell were "hard nosed" about the proposal, this would probably lead to a spate of comments and statements from those Senators and Congressmen who were in favor of expanded controls over the Agency.

3. Senator McCarthy was cordial, the lunch was pleasant throughout. On my initiative, we discussed the trial in Baltimore and the MSU affair. The Senator had no words of criticism. In short, he seems to be following the line which he indicated to me some weeks ago, i.e. he is not going to attack the Agency or its leadership; he is simply going to continue the pressure in the Senate for expanded representation on the Agency's Select Committee.

/s/ Richard Helms

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8. [REDACTED] The CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations met without witnesses to discuss the proposal from Senator Fulbright that members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee sit with the CIA Subcommittee at its meetings. We were informed privately by Senator Young and Senator Smith that the Subcommittee was unanimously opposed to this and that Senator Russell was most firm.

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